

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| | | |
|--|---|----------------------|
| In re PATENT APPLICATION of: |) | |
| |) | |
| Lilian ALCARAZ et al. |) | |
| |) | |
| Continuation of Application No. 10/149,549 |) | Group Art Unit: 1626 |
| |) | |
| Parent Application Filed: June 16, 2002 |) | Examiner: Shameem |
| |) | |
| FOR: ADAMANTANE DERIVATIVES |) | |
| |) | |

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
2011 South Clark Place
Customer Window, **Mail Stop Patent Application**
Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Date: March 31, 2004

Sir

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, please amend
the application as follows: